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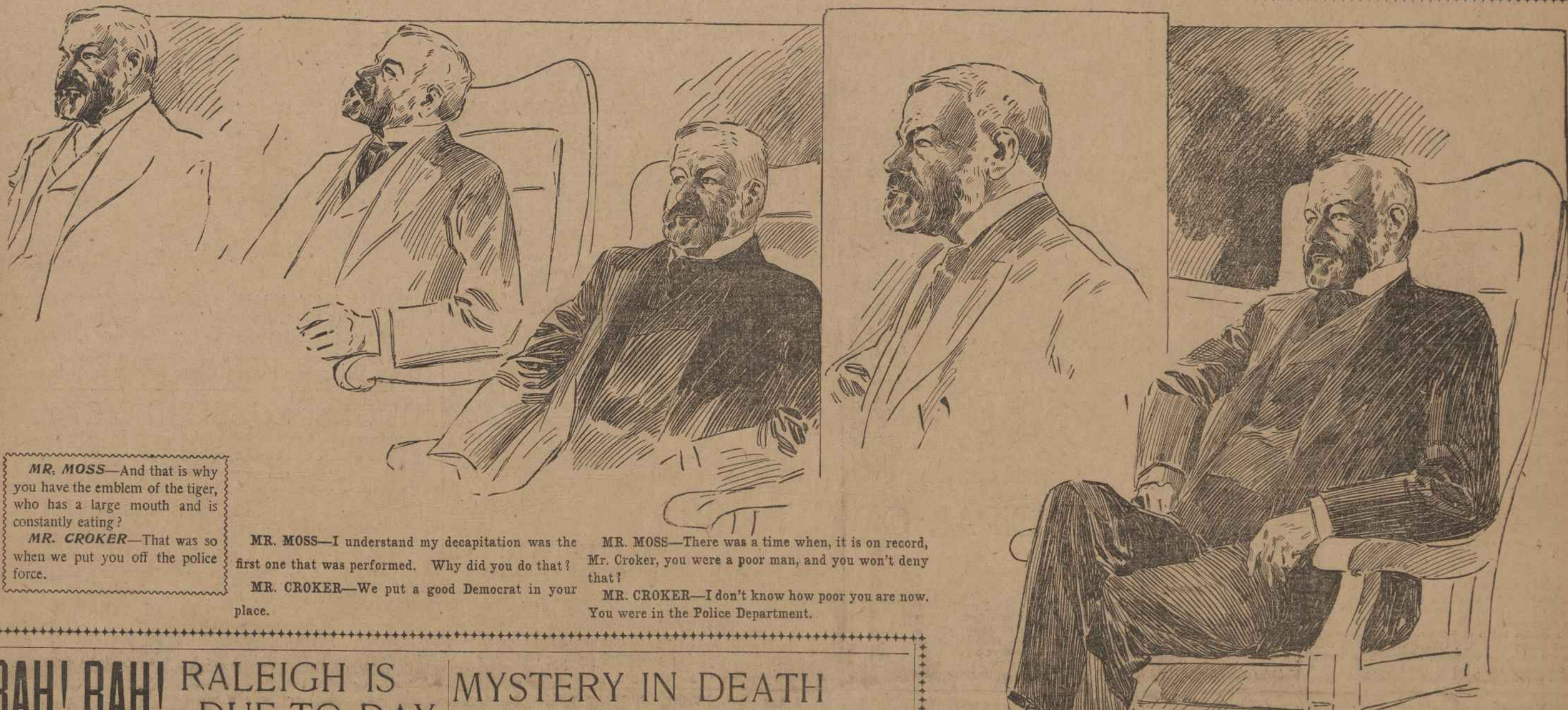
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# CROKER WILLING TO SHED ALL LIGHT ON CITY AFFAIRS TO-DAY.

WILL OBLIGE MOSS AGAIN

NOW THAT CROKER HAS TOLD ALL—CALL PLATT.



MR. MOSS—And that is why  
you have the emblem of the tiger,  
who has a large mouth and is  
constantly eating?

MR. CROKER—That was so  
when we put you off the police  
force.

MR. MOSS—I understand my decapitation was the  
first one that was performed. Why did you do that?

MR. CROKER—We put a good Democrat in your  
place.

MR. MOSS—There was a time when, it is on record,  
Mr. Croker, you were a poor man, and you won't deny that?

MR. CROKER—I don't know how poor you are now.  
You were in the Police Department.

## RAH! RAH! RALEIGH IS DUE TO-DAY.

Expects to Steam Up the Hudson This Afternoon  
with Bombs Bursting in Air and Followed by  
a Flotilla of Gaily Bedecked Craft.

### PROGRAMME OF THE DAY.

9 A. M.—The steamboat Matteawan will start for Sandy Hook with  
Mrs. Coghlan, the wife of the captain of the Raleigh, on board. She will  
board the Raleigh at Quarantine.

1 P. M.—The boats Glen and Glen Island will leave Pier 13, North  
River, with the Mayor and Committee on board.

These boats, preceded by the captured gunboats Sandoval and Al-  
varado, will then proceed down the bay.

The Raleigh is expected to anchor at Tompkinsville about 2 p. m.  
His Honor the Mayor will board the Raleigh and welcome Captain  
Coghlan and his men.

The Mayor and Committee will then return to their own boats.

The flotilla will proceed up North River to Grant's Tomb. Three na-  
tional salutes to be fired from the shore in the cruiser's honor.

Aerial salutes at One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street.

The Raleigh will fire a salute at Grant's Tomb.

The Raleigh will return to an anchorage, probably off Thirty-fourth  
street.

## MYSTERY IN DEATH OF PRETTY WOMAN.

Body Found Floating in Spuyten Duyvil Creek Ident-  
fied by a Hotel Key as That of "Miss A. Lyles,  
Columbus, Ohio"—Police Investigating.

Two Italian laborers, while unloading a  
freight car at Spuyten Duyvil station,  
which is close to Spuyten Duyvil Creek,  
yesterday afternoon, saw the body of a  
woman floating in the water twenty-five  
feet from the shore.

The men procured a boat and rowed out,  
attached a rope to the body and brought it  
to land.

An examination of the woman's clothing  
revealed only a single valuable clue to her  
identity—a key to room No. 315 of the St.  
Denis Hotel. Although it is certain that  
the woman had been an occupant of this  
room, and although it is known that she  
was registered as "A. B. Lyles, Columbus,  
Ohio," who she really is, where she came  
from and how her body happened to get  
into Spuyten Duyvil Creek are matters of  
conjecture.

There were no marks of violence upon  
the body. No autopsy has yet been per-  
formed, and it has not yet been determined  
whether she died by drowning.

That she was a person above the ordinary  
strata is told by her features, her un-  
usually long and her clothing, which is of  
costly material and well made.

The police last night had not been able  
to establish her identity.

The dead woman appears to have been  
about thirty years of age, five feet five  
inches in height and weighed about 120  
pounds. She had a prominent chin and  
nose, a strong, but not a handsome, face.  
She had dark brown hair and hazel eyes.  
Her upper teeth were false, and there were  
gold teeth on the lower jaw. She was  
well built, in fact, almost athletic for a  
woman. Her hands were rather small, and  
the palms smooth and soft, indicating that  
she had been unaccustomed to work.

Her finger nails had been well manicured.  
She wore black silk underwear, a plaid  
waist, black stockings and corset and a  
white undershirt.

In a case in her pocket was found a pair  
of gold-rimmed eyeglasses. She wore a  
gold wedding ring in which was stamped  
the name of the maker, "William Murray  
& Co.," while the maker of her shoes was  
G. E. Brewster. Among her other effects  
was a gold pin stuck in a dark scarf, pearl  
cuff buttons, a decorated celluloid comb,  
celluloid hairpins, black kid gloves, and a  
black belt with gold stripes. No money was  
found in her pockets. Her body was taken to  
the Kingsbridge station.

The woman, it was learned at the St.  
Denis Hotel, came to the hotel last Sunday.  
She carried a hand valise and her face bore  
the evidences of recent travel. She asked  
the day clerk to register her name, direct-  
ing him to write "A. B. Lyles, Columbus,  
Ohio."

She inquired, during the several days  
she stayed at the hotel, for telegrams, but  
none came for her. She took most of her  
meals in her room and her demeanor at-  
tracted little attention. She paid for all  
her meals with the exception of three, for  
which the hotel retains checks.

A chambermaid, Ellen Murray, remembers  
to have seen her enter her room on Thurs-  
day afternoon. She walked fast and  
shuffled the door. This attracted the wom-  
an's attention, who recalls that the wom-  
an looked the door after her. No one  
else in the hotel saw her.

She last evening recalled when the woman left  
the hotel, but it is presumed, from the dis-  
turbed condition of the bed, that she slept  
there until yesterday morning. The key to  
room 315 had been missing since Thursday.  
The cause carried by the woman is still  
at the hotel and will not be opened except  
by order of the Coroner, who had not in-  
vestigated the case up to a late hour last  
night. The New York police office has  
telegraphed the Chief of Police of Colum-  
bus concerning the case.

### ALGER SAYS HE WILL STAY IN OFFICE.

Only Ill Health or Trouble in Private  
Business Matters Will Make Him  
Resign.

Washington, April 14.—Secretary Alger  
to-night denied the reports that he con-  
templated retirement from the Cabinet by  
a positive statement that unless some un-  
foreseen contingency arises he will remain  
Secretary of War throughout this Adminis-  
tration.

"Of course," he added, "if there should  
be a great disaster in my private business  
affairs, or should I be stricken in health,  
it might actuate me to resume private  
life."

### DEWEY'S CLAIMS FOR PRIZES PRESENTED.

If the Most Favorable View of the Claim  
Be Taken the Admiral Will  
Get \$30,000.

Washington, April 14.—Admiral Dewey  
and his officers and men have presented  
their claims for prize and bounty for cap-  
tures and destruction by the American  
ships at Manila. It is estimated that  
Dewey will receive about \$30,000 as his  
share of the allotment, provided the most  
favorable view of the claims be taken by  
the courts and the Treasury Department.  
It will be contended that the three ships

belonging to the Spanish navy which were  
restored and which will be added to our  
Naval Register, should be regarded as  
prizes, a view which will make some differ-  
ence in the total amount to be distributed.  
Another question involved is whether the  
engagement between the American and  
Spanish ships on May 1 was with an in-  
ferior or a superior force. If the latter,  
the bounty would be twice as large as if  
the court decides the Spanish force was  
inferior to the American fleet.

### ALBUM OF AUTOGRAPHS GIVEN TO HELEN GOULD.

Soldiers and Sailors to the Number of  
4,000 Testify Their Appreciation  
of Her Kindness.

Helen Gould has received a handsome al-  
bum containing the autographs of 4,000  
sailors and soldiers in the regular and  
volunteer service of the army and navy.  
On the first page are the names of Major  
her services during the war. The album  
is a handsome volume of army blue  
covered leather, and contains 150 pages.  
General Shafter and Colonel Theodore  
Roosevelt, and throughout are written  
those of the other commanders prominent  
in the Cuban campaign.

The getting of signatures began on the  
battlefield at Santiago. James F. Fair-  
man, hospital steward, Fifth Army Corps,  
United States Army, started it. It was  
originally intended to have made the pre-  
sentation on Christmas day, but the project  
grew to such proportions and the signa-  
tures were added so rapidly that the pre-  
sentation was deferred until last Thursday.  
Mr. Fairman made the presentation in  
person.

## VANDERBILT DOG GOES MAD AND BITES

Young William K.'s \$2,000  
St. Bernard Seriously  
Wounds a Porter.

Ill luck is pursuing young William K.  
Vanderbilt, Jr. The recent burning of  
"Idle Hour" was followed yesterday by the  
loss of a \$2,000 St. Bernard dog.

After fire destroyed his villa, Mr. Van-  
derbilt, with his bride, came to the Wal-  
dorf-Astoria. Thursday evening at 9:30  
he brought the dog to the hotel and asked  
John Rockwell, head porter, to keep it un-  
til it could be sent to Newport, which he  
intended doing last night.

The splendid St. Bernard was chained in  
the baggage room of the hotel, and Patrick  
Traynor was instructed to feed it and care  
for it.

Yesterday afternoon, at 4:30, Traynor  
had occasion to be near the dog while re-  
moving the trunks of a guest. The St.  
Bernard gave no warning of madness, but  
when Traynor came near suddenly leaped  
with such strength toward the porter  
that "the chain was snapped. The  
dog buried its teeth in Traynor's right  
arm, threw the porter to the floor and  
tore an ugly wound in Traynor's upper  
arm. Traynor tried to rise, but the animal  
sprang at his throat and pinioned the  
man, growling like a lion the while.

Traynor might have been killed but for  
the fact that the high collar of his uni-  
form rises about his throat.

Traynor's cries for help brought several  
of his fellow porters to his assistance, and  
while they were trying to beat and drag  
the dog off it withdrew its attacks from  
Traynor and bit a porter in the calf of the  
right leg. The fight continued for several  
seconds, but the animal was finally con-  
quered and chained up again.

Mr. Vanderbilt was notified, and with  
Head Porter Rockwell hurried to the bag-  
gage room.  
Mr. Vanderbilt assisted in binding Tray-  
nor's wound and expressed deep regret at  
the accident. A coach was sent for and  
while Traynor was waiting for it Mr. Van-  
derbilt gave him \$50 and told him to secure  
the best treatment and send the bill to  
him.  
Traynor was driven to Bellevue Hospital,  
where Dr. Christian and Dr. Swanwick found  
a deep and painful laceration two inches in  
length and extending to the bone. The  
wound was cauterized and dressed. Then  
Traynor went to his home, at No. 151 East  
Thirty-second street.  
An ambulance of the Society for the Pre-  
vention of Cruelty to Animals was called  
and the St. Bernard was chloroformed ac-  
cording to orders from Mr. Vanderbilt.

"No plunder; no. You can call it whatever you like. Because  
men are loyal to us you can call that plunder. When you send your  
bill in to the Legislature for the work you are doing here you  
might as well call that plunder."

With Absolute Frankness He Tells How the Members  
of Tammany Hall Help Each Other Legitimately  
in Business and in Politics.

Carroll Defies Threats and Refuses to Tell if He  
Owned Ice Stock—Peckham and Pryor Know  
of No Judicial Oppression.

(Richard Croker in an interview with a Journal Reporter last night.)  
"It seems to me that the Mazet Committee, or, to be more exact, Mr. Moss,  
its counsel, appears less anxious about alleged corruption in the city departments  
than it does to deny me and my sons the right to do private business in New  
York. It appeared to me all through to-day that the question of the conduct of  
the city departments was forgotten in the determination to pry into my private  
affairs."

"So far as I can recall, scarcely a question was asked me as to the conduct of  
the city government, or what I knew about it. I had supposed until to-day that  
I had a perfect right, and so had my sons, to enter into legitimate business en-  
terprises, the same as other citizens, without making it necessary to send a leg-  
islative committee down here to investigate them and me."

"I think I answered all Mr. Moss's questions satisfactorily. I had nothing  
to conceal. Yes, I shall go on the stand to-morrow and tell all I know, willingly.  
As I said to-day to Mr. Moss, I only desire straight questions in order to make  
straight answers. If there is any wrong going in the city departments I want to  
know of it. The moment I am satisfied there is, I shall certainly use what influ-  
ence I possess to have the men responsible for it punished. No man would move  
quicker in that direction than I could."

MR. CROKER, a willing witness, yesterday, is perfectly agreeable  
to the request of Mr. Moss to enlighten him further on munici-  
pal affairs and the conduct of Tammany Hall.

He will appear before the Mazet Investigating Committee again  
this morning to continue his testimony.

Mr. Croker returned to the Democratic Club almost immediately  
after concluding his hearing before the committee.

The clean, concise avowal by Mr. Croker of Tammany's methods  
and the strict fealty it exacts of its members was most gratifying  
to the members of the Democratic Club, who complimented him on  
his testimony.

On reaching the club Mr. Croker was met by Mayor Van Wyck,  
Corporation Counsel Whalen, Charities Commissioner Keller, Sheriff  
Dunn and other leading Democrats. They expressed their pleasure  
at the manner in which he had upheld the present management of  
municipal affairs against the attacks of Lawyer Moss.

Mr. Croker received these congratulations quietly, saying he was  
ready to appear before the committee constantly, if necessary, up to  
the time of his sailing for Europe next Tuesday.

Richard Croker testified before the Mazet Committee yesterday. It was a  
session filled with evidence of profound interest.  
It was dramatic to realize that the same man who was the organizer and prin-  
cipal witness before a committee bent on overthrowing him and the organization  
of which he is the leader. "Mr. Croker has confessed that he is the leader of  
Tammany," said Investigator Follows, at one point in the proceedings. And the  
word "confessed," thus used, which seemed without any criticism or notice, was  
noteworthy, as indicative of the committee's pre-judgment as to Tammany.

At the close of the day it was evident that the investigators were balked.  
Mr. Croker had non-plussed them by his frank admissions that he deemed money  
necessary to run a campaign and maintain a political organization, that office-  
holders are expected to contribute, and that even judges are not exempt.

He admitted that he was the leader of Tammany, that Tammanyites were ex-  
pected to obey his wishes, and that a Democratic victory ought to mean Demo-  
cratic patronage.

### Listeners Enjoy the Session.

Applause was frequent, and sometimes tumultuous, as Mr. Croker made his  
points. At times there were bursts of laughter. Several times Chairman Mazet  
threatened to clear the room.  
Former Justice Roger A. Pryor testified that he had never been wrongly im-